

God's Beautiful Messy Church
Week's Reading: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Discussion Guide: June 12, 2022

CHECK UP:

Memory Work Review:

I would like you to be free from concern. - 1 Corinthians 7:32a

How did you strive to live a life "free from concern" this past week?

OPEN:

- What stood out from this past week's reading?
 - o What do you still have questions about?
- When have you experienced conflicts with people who wanted to something you considered bad or improper?

READ and ASK: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

- In what way can knowledge puff up a person?
 - o How can this happen even if the knowledge is good doctrine?
- How does love supersede knowledge?
 - o Does this mean truth doesn't matter?
 - o How do they work together?
 - o How do we build one another up in a loving way?
- Why might eating food sacrificed to idols be a problem for someone?
- Where in your experience is one person's "freedom" another person's stumbling block?
 - o In what way should we limit our freedoms for the benefit of weaker Christians?
 - o What should you do if you know your actions would cause another Christian to violate their conscience?
 - o How does this passage challenge the idea of individual Christianity?
- What key truths about God are taught in this passage?

APPLY:

- What approach do you typically take when it comes to the “gray areas” (areas not explicitly prohibited in scripture, but topics or actions that people respond to differently) of the Christian life?

- What should you do if you have already led (intentionally or not) someone towards sin?

- In what way do you need to live more sensitively towards other believers?
 - o NEXT STEP: What could you do this week to help a new Christian grow in their faith?

Memory Work:

But knowledge puffs up while love builds up. - 1 Corinthians 8:1b

Next Week's Reading:

1 Corinthians 9:1-18